

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4142
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2005
ENHANCING ROAD CESS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Reddy Shri Suravaram Sudhakar

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length in kms. of N.H.D.P. II that has been made 6 lane alongwith the length in kms. in different states that have been completed and the target date fixed to complete the rest of them;
- (b) the total cost thereof alongwith the cost of per km. road widening work;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the road cess on the National Highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the cess charged for different vehicles ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) No length in National Highways Development Project Phase II (NHDP II) has yet been made six lane.
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) and (d) Yes Sir, the Finance Minister has proposed, in his budget speech of 2005-06, levy of an additional cess of Rs.0.50, exclusively for National Highways. This cess is uniform on fuel and is not based on category of vehicles.